

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1402 - HB 1456

March 30, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the district attorney general, in first degree murder cases in which the state has filed a notice of intent to seek the death penalty or life without parole, to make available to the defendant all relevant documents, tangible objects, pretrial statements of witnesses, and complete files of all investigative agencies.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumption:

- Making all relevant materials available to the defendant in these cases may cause a small increase in expenditures due to the time required by law enforcement personnel and the district attorney to collect and copy all the materials. Some additional court time to litigate discovery process issues may occur. Any additional cost can be accommodated within existing resources without additional personnel costs.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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